

REMARKS

Claim 67 has been amended, and claim 68 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 47-66 and 68-71 are now pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

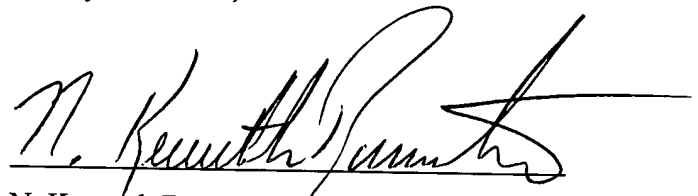
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 47-66 are allowable and that claim 68 contains allowable subject matter. Independent claim 67 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 68. Applicants assert that claim 67 and its dependent claims are now also in condition for allowance.

Although Applicants believe that no extension of time is needed and no fees are due, Applicants petition the Director for any extension of time deemed necessary for acceptance of this paper, and Applicants authorize the Director to charge any fee deemed necessary for acceptance of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P64C1-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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